

Rented godowns from private institutions

† 2912. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns hired by the Food Corporation of India from private institutions* year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the rent paid by the Food Corporation of India for such godowns, year-wise;

(c) whether Food Corporation of India propose to construct its own godowns keeping in view the shortage of godowns;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The number of godowns hired by FCI from private parties as on 1.2.2001, is 425 (264 Covered and 161 CAP). The State-wise details are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Year-wise rent paid by FCI during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount
1998-1999	21.05
1999-2000	22.40
2000-2001	27.10

(c) to (e) Under the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) the FCI had

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planned to construct storage capacity of 4.67 lakhs tonnes. Upto December, 2000, storage capacity of 2.11 lakh tonnes has been constructed.

Statement

*State-wise number of godowns hired from private parties by FCI as on
1.2.2001*

State	Covered	CAP (Open)
Bihar	16	—
Orissa	01	—
West Bengal	13	—
Sikkim	—	—
Assam	18	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
Meghalaya	—	—
Manipur	01	—
Mizoram	—	—
Nagaland	01	—
Tripura	01	—
Delhi	—	—
Haryana	20	05
Himachal Pradesh	01	—
Jammu and Kashmir	03	—
Punjab	102	109
Chandigarh	—	05
Rajasthan	11	14

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State	Covered	CAP (Open)
Uttar Pradesh	28	05
Andhra Pradesh	21	01
Kerala	01	—
Karnataka	04	04
Tamil Nadu	—	—
Pondicherry	—	01
Gujarat	06	08
Maharashtra	07	02
Goa	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	09	07
Grand Total (All India)	264	161

Food procurement centres in Orissa

2913. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Government's food procurement centre is there in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of any such procurement centre in the State the farmers are suffering in the hands of the middle men; and
- (d) if so, what steps Government have taken/are taking to help farmers so that they could not fall prey in the clutches of the middle men?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation